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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE NOTES

There are indications of marginal weather in and around the Berlin air corridors this morning, which may account for their being no reports of Soviet harassment.

A state of seige has reportedly been declared in British Guiana.

1. Berlin corridors

a. Four of the five US planes sent through the northern corridor this morning during the "reserved" period had completed their flights without incident at the time of our last report.

b. Yesterday, Soviet aircraft stepped up their harassment of Western flights, both military and commercial, in the southern corridor which had been declared "reserved," but passes were also made in the central corridor on which no claims had been made.

c. The Soviets made new demands in the Berlin Air Safety Center yesterday, saying that they would not guarantee the safety of aircraft which had not filed notice a day in advance of the time they intended to cross the East German border. The Soviets seem to be maneuvering to put themselves in a position to disrupt commercial traffic by refusing safety guarantees and thereby to undermine West Berlin morale.

2. Katanga parliament
sanctions negotiations
with central govern-
ment

a. Tshombé probably intends to represent the resolution passed yesterday, under which he is "authorized" to hold further negotiations on re-integration with Adoula, as a sign of visible progress. However, the resolution commits him to acceptance of the Kitona accord only if the central government meets a number of conditions (e.g. renunciation of the use of UN forces in "internal" affairs) and thus, in effect, does no more than stake out a bargaining position for any talks that follow.

b. There are rumblings in Elisabethville of a move by Katangan extremists to oust Tshombé. So far these are in the rumor stage.

3. Laos

Souvanna has arrived in Luang Prabang on schedule for his audience with the King. Phoumi was on hand at the airport. We have no reports of a change in the military situation.

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- A. Krishna Menon said yesterday that Nehru could not attend the Geneva conference. A summit meeting on disarmament, said Menon, would be "nothing but a circus."
- B. There are indications from Paris that an agreement on Algeria may be announced within a matter of days. The French government wants quick action in order to upset the OAS' timing on counter-action.
- C. The Uruguayan government has ruled against a diplomatic break with Cuba.
- D. While sporadic fighting is continuing in Eastern Guatemala, the nation-wide curfew was cut back yesterday.

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F. Relations between Frondizi and the Argentine military are still strained, as the latter press for additional changes in his policies and advisers.

G. The Indonesians are trying to find out whether the US will grant export licenses which will enable [redacted] a small arms purchase agreement [redacted]

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- I. [redacted] the Chinese Communists 50X1
are planning to convene a conference of Afro-Asian Communist
parties in the near future to thrash out Sino-Soviet issues. 50X1

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